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## H.M. KNAPP FIGHTS TO AVOID TRIAL IN BRIDGEPORT COURT

Claims Feeling Against Him is So High That He Cannot Be Sure of Impartial Trial in This Vicinity—State Will Fight His Application For Change of Venue in Impending Trial.

Attorneys Representing the State, With State Police-men, Prepare Affidavits of Representative Residents of This Vicinity to Show That Banker's Application is Unfounded in Fact.

Herbert M. Knapp, a partner of the defunct banking firm of Burr & Knapp, who is charged with misappropriating nearly \$100,000 of the funds of stockholders and depositors, has asked for a change of venue for impending trial.

The application has been made to State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings, through Conley & Conley of this city, attorneys for Mr. Knapp.

No return of the application has yet been made to the clerk of the Superior court here, but Mr. Knapp's attorneys in their application allege that because of the public feeling against their client in this county, he could not get a fair trial in the Superior court here.

State's Attorney Cummings and Attorney Spottwood D. Bowers, one representing the state in the case, the other a number of creditors of the defunct firm, are opposed to allowing the change of venue. They have set about getting the signatures of a number of city and state officials, judges, and other citizens of standing, as a protest against the change of venue.

The affidavits of these citizens set up that there is no feeling against Mr. Knapp among his townsmen or the people of this county and that their minds are "entirely free from prejudice in the matter." The affidavits affirm that Mr. Knapp will have a fair trial here and the state ought not to have the unnecessary expense of the change of venue.

The application will be before Judge Tuttle of the Superior court in this city on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

## EARLY MORNING COLLISION COSTS MILKMAN'S HORSE

Automobile Rams Rig in No. Main Street—Animal Shot, Motorist Fined.

A horse was so badly injured that it had to be shot, and an automobile was damaged, practically beyond repair after 2 o'clock this morning at North Main street and Stearns place, near Bethany chapel, when the automobile crashed into the horse and then into the milk wagon it was drawing. In the city court today, the driver of the machine was fined \$35 and costs for reckless driving. A civil suit will also result as the owner of the horse said today that he would seek recompense for his loss.

The automobile driver was Howard Dilliston of Long Hill, who was on his way home while the milk wagon was owned and driven by Theodore A. Vincelle, a milk dealer and farmer of the north end near the Trumbull line.

From the testimony given in the city court today before Deputy Judge F. A. Wilder, it appears that Vincelle was driving his wagon to this city and was accompanied by a boy who assists on the milk route. As they passed Jewett avenue, Vincelle said that he noticed the automobile about 200 feet away, being driven directly for his wagon. Pulling the horse close to the right hand curb he took the lantern from the floor of the wagon and waved it in the road to warn the automobile driver of his danger.

But almost in an instant, Mr. Vincelle claims, the automobile struck the horse and the wagon and careened over to the other side of the road. The horse's left fore leg was broken in two places, the wagon was badly smashed, and the milk spilled about. Vincelle and the boy jumped from the wagon as the machine struck the horse and escaped serious injury.

Dilliston claimed in court that he was not driving faster than 20 miles an hour at the time though Vincelle alleges he was going much faster. Another young man was in the car with Dilliston.

City Sheriff Alexander Howell arrested Dilliston on the charge of reckless driving. The right hand side of the road at the spot where the accident occurred is not used for driving but Sheriff Howell testified he had seen five machines pass each other on the left side of the street and Dilliston had plenty of room.

## GOSSIP IN WAKE OF REMOVAL OF MRS. S. B. CANDEE

Lawyers Engaged Following Sudden Leave-Taking of Publisher's Widow.

The elite residential neighborhood of Fairfield avenue in the vicinity of Elmwood place is agog today over recent incidents in the home of Sarah B. Candee, widow of John D. Candee, founder of the Standard.

Mrs. Candee, who lives at 1249 Fairfield avenue, is not at her home today, which is occupied by Mrs. Harriet C. White, widow of Daniel A. White.

Reports that Mrs. Candee was forcibly taken from the home on September 1st, after an entrance had been effected into the house, and hastily removed to New Haven by force, are partly denied by the family here today.

Mrs. White asserts that Frederick H. Stevens, formerly secretary, treasurer and manager of the Standard association, who once lived with Mrs. Candee, came from New Haven on September 1st and "took" Mrs. Candee back to that city, where she is now residing with Mr. Stevens at 129 Cottage street. Judge Carl Foster has been retained to attempt a settlement of the family difficulties which have been suddenly precipitated by the removal of Mrs. Candee from her home in this city to that of her son-in-law in New Haven.

The family here deny with vigor that a doorway in the beautiful Fairfield avenue residence was forced during the absence of Mrs. White, who has recently moved to her aged mother in this city, asserting that a trolley car was the medium of transportation used by Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Candee.

A well known firm of New Haven attorneys has been retained by Mr. Stevens to protect his interests as a result of his recent trip to this city.

Judge Carl Foster, representing the White family in this city, refuses to discuss the affairs of his clients beyond admitting that Mrs. Candee is now in New Haven and that an unfortunate family difference has caused his services to be solicited.

"Really, I have not had time to fully investigate the actual conditions, or the facts relating to Mrs. Candee's removal from this city," said Attorney Foster in evading direct inquiry today.

Mrs. Candee, whose husband for many years was the guiding genius of the Standard, is admittedly a wealthy woman. For nearly 30 years she has occupied her present residence in this city. One daughter married Mr. Stevens and for many years occupied the home with her mother. Recently Mrs. White, another daughter, took up residence with her mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were seldom visitors at the home.

Persons acquainted with the family declare that the painful friction resulted from a minor breach, which upon the removal of Mr. Stevens from this city grew materially.

The particular reason for legal counsel being called into the dispute following the removal from this city of Mrs. Candee is not made plain by statements of the family today, who refer all inquiries to Attorney Foster, though it is denied by Mrs. White, that violence was used in getting Mrs. Candee to visit New Haven.

## SUFFRAGISTS ARE NEUTRAL IN CAMPAIGN

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 8.—The National American Woman Suffrage association convention today defeated by an overwhelming vote a resolution that the association in the present national campaign support only those candidates for national offices who pledge their support to the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment for a federal constitutional amendment. The resolution was offered by Mrs. Raymond Robins of Chicago, and a number of other delegates.

## FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN GAS FUMES, MAN PROBABLY WILL LIVE

Robert Monte, 55 years old, was found unconscious in his room at 85 Calhoun avenue shortly before noon from the effects of illuminating gas which was escaping from the jets in the room. The emergency ambulance was summoned and Dr. S. I. Aranki removed Monte to St. Vincent's hospital. At the hospital it was said this afternoon that he was out of danger.

The case appeared to be one of attempted suicide but other persons in the house were unable to give any reason for Monte's act.

## REFUSE TO TAKE WILKES-BARRE'S MAYOR IN UNION

Slovaks Have First Serious Dispute in National Convention in This City.

FEELING DUE TO STRIFE ABROAD

Anti-German Sentiment is Blamed in Some Quarters For Failure to Qualify.

Refusal of the Catholic Slovak Union to act favorably upon the admission for membership of the mayor of Wilkes-Barre, at a heated session late yesterday, brought into the big national convention here the first indication of animosity due to the strife in Europe.

Because it was charged that the mayor, though of Slavonian birth, is of German ancestry, there were many adverse votes, due, according to reports about the convention hall, to the fact that there was a pronounced anti-German sentiment in certain of the delegates.

The suggestion of his name for membership yesterday aroused a dispute which brought forth acrimonious statements on the part of members and threatened to sadly divide the assemblage. Delegates are reported to have arisen upon the floor to state that though of Slavonian birth, Mayor Kossek had German antecedents. His champions asserted that other members in the hall were also of German descent and that German influence should be eradicated from the union. A turbulent session was ended by the vote which debarred Mayor Kossek from election.

The battle continued throughout discussion held after the convention closed yesterday and renewed scenes of argument were enacted in the hall today when the question of increasing the salaries of the local officers was discussed.

The entire morning session was consumed in debate which at times ran exceedingly high, with accusations and recrimination running rife. It was finally decided to increase the salary of the president from \$800 to \$1,200, the two vice presidents from \$50 to \$100 each and the financial secretary from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

The addition of another vice president for the purpose of an increased organization campaign brought forth the assertion that the order expects to increase from 60,000 members to over 100,000 during the next biennial period.

Theophile Chuddy, of Bridgeport, appealed for a collection for the widows and orphans abroad, which will be taken during the year.

A donation of more than \$1,000 is to be made for the benefit of young priests at St. Francis school, Brooklyn, N. Y. This vote was taken at the afternoon session of the convention and a committee, appointed to confer with Rev. Z. Kassner, who made the request. The donation will cover \$50 per pupil at the school.

Representatives from various Middle Western cities attended to convention yesterday to request that the next meeting be held in their city. The claims of the cities are now being considered.

## TWO LICENSES FOR TERRITORY NEAR ARMS CO.

Remonstrants Likely to Appeal From County Commissioners' Ruling.

The first liquor dealers to get licenses within the restricted Barnum avenue territory are Jacob Hausman and Pak Bros., who were granted transfers this morning by the county commissioners. Until the present time there have been no saloons on Barnum avenue between Seaview avenue and the Stratford line.

Many residents and manufacturers have been anxious to keep saloons out and liquor dealers, realizing the high profits to be made, have been fighting hard to get a foothold there. Hausman formerly conducted a place in Willard street. His transfer gives him permission to locate at 1750 Barnum avenue. Pak Bros. are given the right to transfer from North Washington avenue to Barnum avenue and Elizabeth street.

There were big remonstrances against both applications. The Remington Arms and the Remington-U. M. C. Co. opposed the transfers on the ground that the establishment of new saloons would prove harmful to employees. The Whiting Manufacturing Co. and numerous other taxpayers oppose the applications, too. It is probable the remonstrants will appeal the cases to the superior court.

## FRANCES I. KENNEDY ESTATE.

In her will offered for probate today Frances I. Kennedy, former resident of Stratford, leaves all her interest in property there to her husband, John A. Kennedy. He is also named executor of the will. The estate consists of a \$2,000 equity in the property. She bequeaths her silver watch to her son, Frank M. Kennedy, who lives in Stratford avenue. An inventory of the estate of Peter T. Erickson filed today by William Chew and James A. Turner, appraisers, shows real estate holdings valued at \$3,000 and \$2,347.59 cash in banks. His wife, Helma Erickson is executrix of the will and chief beneficiary.

## BIG BATTLE DEVELOPING IN RUMANIA

Conflict Extends Over a Big Front—Germans and Bulgarians Capture Fortified City of Dobric and Take Seaports.

British Make Raid on German Trenches, Taking Prisoners—Teutons Renew Attacks on Somme, But Are Driven Back.

London, Sept. 8.—The beginning of a great battle in southeastern Rumania, where the Russians have taken the offensive against the Bulgarians and Germans, is reported in a Rome despatch given out by the Wireless Press.

The struggle is now under way over the whole front in Dobruja between the Danube and the Black Sea. Fighting is particularly desperate near Baltjik on the Black Sea coast about 10 miles north of the Bulgarian frontier. This information, the wireless despatch says, was received in Rome from Petrograd.

## Teutonic Allies Take Rumanian Fortresses

London, Sept. 8.—An undated official Bulgarian report received here today says that the Bulgarians and German forces which are invading eastern Rumania have captured the fortresses of Dobric (Bazardjik) and the seaports of Baltjik and Kavarna and Kail Akram.

The occupation of Orsova by the Rumanians in conceded in the Bulgarian statement.

## RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS.

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Russian troops which have crossed the Dvina river north of Dvinsk were attacked repeatedly by the Germans yesterday. The war office announced that succeeded in holding the captured position.

## FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA.

Paris, Sept. 8.—Violent artillery fighting is under way on the front in Greece Macedonia, the war office announced today. The principal engagements are in progress on the Struma front, in the region of Mount Beles, and in the vicinity of Lake Doliran.

## BRITISH IN TRENCH RAID.

London, Sept. 8.—British troops south of Lille last night raided the German trenches southeast of Culchy and near Richebourg-l'Avou, inflicting severe losses on their occupants, says the British official statement issued this afternoon.

## GERMANS TAKE OFFENSIVE.

Paris, Sept. 8.—Renewed and particularly violent attacks were made by the Germans on the Somme front last night in another effort to regain ground won by the French. The war office announced today that the German assaults were futile, the French holding their ground everywhere.

## BRITISH SHIPS SUNK.

London, Sept. 8.—The British steamship Strathgair and the Ellerman line steamship Tague have been sunk. The crew of the Strathgair was saved.

The Strathgair sailed from New York, Aug. 22 for Havre. She was 4,428 tons gross, and was owned in Glasgow. Last year she was engaged in transporting of relief supplies for the Belgians. While at her dock in New York in July, of 1915, an attempt was made to destroy her by means of fire bombs being concealed in the hold.

## BIPLANE FALLS 700 FEET; TWO AVIATORS HURT

Aero Reserve Students Are Badly Injured in Accident at Governor's Island.

New York, Sept. 8.—Flying at a height of between 600 and 700 feet, over Governor's Island today, a biplane containing J. Walter W. Struthers and Charles D. Wiman, student aviators in training for the aero reserve corps, authorized recently by President Wilson, became unmanageable for some unknown reason and fell to the ground.

Each aviator had one leg broken and received cuts on the head and were possibly internally injured. Both are expected to recover. They were two of eleven pupils in training at Governor's Island and it was stated that this was the first serious accident in eleven hundred flights by members of this aero corps.

Struthers and Wiman, the latter a member of a former Yale rowing crew, were regarded as advanced pupils.

## TRACTION STRIKE IN N. Y. BROKEN, OFFICIALS' VIEW

Service on Subway and Elevated Lines Nearly Normal, is Report.

SURFACE LINE CARS OPERATING BETTER

Union Officers Declare That More Than 7,000 Men Are on Strike.

New York, Sept. 8.—With subway and elevated trains being operated apparently on normal schedule, traction officials insist today that New York's strike has been broken. Fifty per cent. of the "Green cars" of the New York Railways Company's surface system were running, the company announced.

Union leaders, on the other hand, claimed at noon that 3,500 men were on strike on the subway and elevated roads of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and 4,000 men on the "Green car" system.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough, announced that all of the men who have struck on the New York Railways lines owned by the Interborough could have their positions back, with their former places of seniority restored to them, if they resigned from the union by 1 p. m., tomorrow.

When the surface cars were started at noon at 6 o'clock, this morning, the situation was in charge of James T. Waddell, known as the king of strike breakers. Mr. Waddell came here from Chicago last night, making the run by special train in 20 hours. He promised to crush the strike in 48 hours.

"I have 3,500 strike-breakers here," said Waddell, "and 1,700 of these are now working. They are more than enough to control the situation."

Subway and elevated trains ran last night and this morning as usual. Fearing that the strikers would be able to interrupt this service, thousands of persons yesterday patronized the multitude of jitney automobiles that mobilize at every important center but early today the traveling public returned to its accustomed routes by subway and "L."

A number of elevated trains were attacked during the early morning but in no case was there any approach to a mob riot. Strike sympathizers on the roofs of tenement houses bombarded the trains with bottles and bricks and in one instance with pistol shots. None of the bullets took effect but several passengers were cut by missiles and broken glass. The police surrounded the blocks from which the missiles came and searched the roofs but made only a few arrests.

## CONGRESS ENDED, PRESIDENT GOES FOR A VACATION

Executive Offices Are Moved To New Jersey Until After Election.

Washington, Sept. 8.—President Wilson left Washington at 1 o'clock for a stay which may extend until after election in November.

He expects to arrive at Atlantic City at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon, and tonight will speak before the National Woman Suffrage association. After spending the night in Atlantic City he will motor to the summer White House, Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, for an extended stay.

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## PAVING BOARD TO RESCIND ITS AWARD TO PARDY

City Won't Assume Responsibility For Possible Damages to Viaduct.

When the paving and sewer commission meets in special session this evening it will probably rescind its action of yesterday in awarding the contract for the new West Side interceptor sewer to the T. J. Pardy Construction Co. at \$223,088.75, the firm's bid. A special meeting has been called for 7:30 tonight by President William Chew, when Mr. Pardy will be required either to say he will sign the contract at the figure he bid, or the contract will be awarded to Edward DeVoe Tompkins, Inc., the next lowest bidder.

When bids were considered by the commission yesterday Mr. Pardy was present and explained that his bid was subject to certain "policy." What that policy was he would not explain. An executive session of the board was called and all other bidders excluded while Mr. Pardy explained that his

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## PRESIDENT LAUDS ACCOMPLISHMENT AS CONGRESS ENDS

Record-Breaking Session Is Adjourned Today With Scenes of Great Activity in Both Houses—Appropriations and Authorizations For Future Expenditure Total Nearly \$2,000,000—This is "A Two-Billion Dollar Country," Democrats Maintain.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Congress adjourned sine die this morning at 10 o'clock, concluding a session, record breaking in many respects, with appropriations and authorizations for the future running well towards two billion dollars.

In a statement issued following the adjournment of Congress, President Wilson called attention to the "helpful and humane legislation" passed and declared that while he regretted additional legislation dealing with the recent dispute between the railroads and their employees had not been completed he had every reason to believe the question would be taken up immediately after Congress reassembled.

Only a small portion of members were on hand to watch the session die. Most had hurried to their homes at the end of the late adjournment yesterday or several days before. A month after the political campaign is finished in November they must return for the short session.

Last night both houses accepted the conference report on the emergency revenue bill without record votes and the Senate, before recessing an hour after midnight, ratified the Danish West Indies purchase treaty. The general deficiencies appropriation bill also was approved as reported by conferees. Today's session was necessitated only by need for time to reprint the measure in the proper form to be signed. Conferees reached an agreement on the bill early in the evening after spending two days on it.

## PRESIDENT HAS COMMENDATION FOR CONGRESS

Hopes For Completion of Strike Legislation at Next Session.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Following the adjournment of Congress today, President Wilson issued the following statement:

"A commendable session of Congress has just closed, full, as all recent sessions of Congress have been, of helpful and humane legislation which constituted contributions of capital importance, to the defense, the economic progress, and the whole life of the country.

"It is to be regretted that the session could not have continued long enough to complete the program recently projected with regard to the accommodation of labor disputes between the railroads and the employees, but it was not feasible in the circumstances to continue the session any longer and therefore only the most immediately pressing parts of the program could be completed.

"The rest, it is agreed, has merely been postponed until it can be more maturely deliberated and perfected. I have every reason to believe that it is the purpose of the leaders of the two houses immediately upon the reassembling of Congress to undertake his additional legislation. It is evident that the country should be relieved of the anxiety which must have been created by recent events with regard to the future accommodation of such disputes."

## RUBBER STRIKE OVER, MEN WILL RETURN MONDAY

Organizer Duffy Uses Good Offices and Settlement is Reached Quickly.

Striking employees of the Siemon Hard Rubber Co., about 150, whose workday early in the week caused practically a shut-down, will return to work on Monday.

A conference attended by committee representing Rubber Works local, 1,488, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, by Patrick F. Duffy, organizer of the A. F. of L., and by Fred E. Smeed, superintendent, and his assistant, John Grogan, brought about a solution of the difficulties.

The strike, a precipitate action, resulted from a misunderstanding between Siemon and his employees. He sought to arrange his difficulties with the help by dealing with them individually, rather than through the shop committee, and this and other differences precipitated a walkout.

The conference partook of the nature of a family reunion more than a dispute, and a speedy settlement of the differences was effected through the co-operation of Organizer Duffy.

The result of the settlement is that there will be a minimum wage for men of 30 cents an hour, and of women of 20 cents an hour, whether they work on day or piece work, and the day workers will get an increase of 45 cents a day.

Important Change In Income Tax Law

Washington, Sept. 8.—Members of the conference committee on the revenue bill today pointed out an important change in the income section as finally approved, extending the \$4,000 exemption, instead of the \$3,000 one to "heads of families" whether married or not, replacing the provision of the old law which gave the larger exemption only to "married persons."

## \$1,858,384,485 EXPENDITURE IS CONGRESS TOTAL

Washington, Sept. 8.—Congress at the session closed today appropriated exactly \$1,858,384,485, with obligations and authorizations for the future makes the total \$1,858,384,485.

These figures, announced in speeches by Representatives Fitzgerald, New York, Democrat, and Gillett, Massachusetts, Republican, were defended by the former and attacked by the latter as half a billion dollars greater than any session of a Republican Congress.

## THE WEATHER

Weather: Thunder showers tonight followed by fair Saturday; cooler.